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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hiroko OKABAYASHI, et al.

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FOR: HOST DEVICE, MEMORY CARD, MEMORY CAPACITY CHANGING METHOD, MEMORY CAPACITY CHANGING PROGRAM AND MEMORY CAPACITY CHARGE GIVING/RECEIVING METHOD

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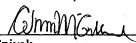
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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

**Reference AO (2003-140968) on Form PTO-1449:**

The security system in consideration of user's use situation in offer service of memory domain which goes via a network.

**Reference AP (2002-109631) on Form PTO-1449:**

The system which receives a print charge from the prepaid in a memory card when printing the data in a memory card with a prepaid function.

**Reference AQ (2001- 60286) on Form PTO-1449:**

The system which pays the charge of contents in advance beforehand to the memory card which can rewrite data, and is recorded contents data in memory card.

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		AO 2003-140968	05/16/03	Japan (with English Abstract)		X	
		AP 2002-109831	04/12/02	Japan (with English Abstract)		X	
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